

THE IMPENDING STRIKE.

A Sub-Committee Appointed by the Western Union to Consider the Grievances.

But Little Possibility of a Compromise and a Strike Seemingly Inevitable.

Operators Throughout the Country Ready to Leave Their Desks at a Moment's Notice.

Excitement at Cincinnati—An Interview with One of the Brotherhood.

THE TELEGRAPHERS.

NEW YORK, July 18.—It was announced in the morning papers that the committee of the telegraphers' brotherhood would wait on the officials of the Western Union company at 11 o'clock to-day to demand an answer to their petition, but they did not appear. There were no evidences of unusual excitement among the operators, although it was evident they were in a condition of expectancy. Every person interested was awaiting the result of the meeting of the executive committee of the directors of the Western Union company, which was called for 10 o'clock.

The committee of the brotherhood held a meeting early this morning, but what transpired there could not be learned. Cipher dispatches were received by the committee from various points stating that the operators were in readiness to leave their desks at a moment's notice. It was said that every means would be taken to render the strike a general one, for in this event only would it be successful. Mr. W. B. Somerville, of the Western Union company, said to-day that there seemed to be little possibility that the company would grant the request, and that the strike seemed to be inevitable. The demands were unjust and unreasonable, and if a strike should happen the company will fight it to the bitter end.

Mr. J. Dealy, the manager of the operating room of the Western Union, said he did not believe a strike would be commenced without mature deliberation on the part of the operators. This morning there was an unusually large force at work, the number being between 600 and 700, with only nine absentees from the regular force. The ordinary number of absentees was from fifteen to twenty-five. He said he had at least fifty letters from employees of the company promising to stand by it in the event of a strike. There were twenty-nine chief operators in the office, each one having under him from eighteen to twenty-five men. This morning a canvass was made by these chiefs among the operators to ascertain if possible the real strength of the dissatisfied portions, and how large a force might be relied on in case of a strike. The first report showed that out of twenty-one operators twelve were doubtful and nine promised to stand by the company. Later reports indicated that this proportion represented the division of feeling throughout the whole force. The Wheatstone operators to a man, Mr. Dealy said, promise to stand by the company in case of a strike.

The executive committee of the directors of the Western Union Telegraph company met and adopted the following:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of ex-Gov. Cornell, J. W. Clendenin, and John F. Terry, be appointed to inquire into the complaints of inequalities of compensation and the right of service of the employees of this company, if any, and report.

One of the gentlemen who attended the meeting says the sentiment was unanimous in support of the action of Gen. Eckert in his reception of the committee which called on him to present the memorial last Monday, and that his letter to Col. Clowry, of Chicago, outlining the position and resources of the company, and calling attention to the exorbitant demands of that committee, was likewise discussed and warmly approved. The meeting did not take cognizance, in fact, of the petition, since it was held that whatever complaints the employees of the company might have to make must be made directly by themselves to the company's officers. The sub-committee is not empowered except to make a report next Wednesday, when the full committee meets again. The composition of the committee, however, is of some interest in bearing on the temper of the meeting and its future action. Mr. Clendenin, one of the members, is president of the Acadia Coal company, which has extensive mines in Pictou, N. S. The miners there have been a turbulent community and have frequently indulged in strikes. Mr. Clendenin has always managed these crises and has never yielded to demands made through the medium of a strike. Ex-Gov. Cornell and Mr. Terry are also said to be opposed to the strike as a means of settling wage difficulties.

The Wheatstone is a system of rapid transmission of messages and news. It has been in use for many years in England, but is comparatively a new thing in this country. The instrument will do nearly ten times the work that can be done over an ordinary wire. Should the Wheatstone operators remain and other operators strike, the telegraph company would have a considerable advantage through the use of this system. The telegraphers' brotherhood claim that nearly all the Wheatstone men are willing to go out, while the officers of the company say that not more than two or three of the nineteen local employees, and not a large number of those elsewhere will consent to strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18.—Here, as elsewhere, the proposed operators' strike is the general subject of conversation. The announcement of Supt. Jaeger this afternoon, that matters were arranged, created great satisfaction among the public and operators. Gen. Supt. Sabine, of the Telephone company, says the action of the Chicago linemen will exercise no influence over employees here, as all are perfectly satisfied with their work and pay.

It was stated authoritatively to-night that the executive committee of the Western Union Telegraph company approved the action of Gen. Eckert in his reception and treatment of the brotherhood's committee, and that the committee of the Western Union employees the committee represented, and authority for such representation. It was also stated that the discussion of the matter by the executive committee showed the fullest disposition to right any wrongs or grievances of the employees that might exist. The committee insisted, however, that complaints and petitions should be properly presented by the employees themselves.

Special Dispatch.

NEW YORK, July 18.—The report of one action of the directors of the Western Union company was promptly communicated to the executive committee of the Brotherhood of Telegraphers, which has been in continuous secret session at the Manhattan hotel throughout the day and evening. During a recess late in the evening a reporter succeeded in obtaining an interview with Eugene O'Connor, of Boston, chairman of the committee. Mr. O'Connor was very reticent, and was disinclined at first to give any information to the press, stating that when their plans were definitely stated, every paper would be furnished with the same report. After some urging, he said, referring to the action of the Western Union, "The board of directors of the Western Union company seem to entirely ignore the brotherhood, but that does not alter the situation, and when the proper time arrives we shall be able to demonstrate that we have the power to take nearly every operator off and when matters are satisfactorily adjusted to put them back again."

When asked when decisive action would be taken, Mr. O'Connor begged to be excused from answering, and said, "As the Western Union directors have appointed a subcommittee

to inquire in the grievances of the Western Union employees alone, we cannot, as representing the entire brotherhood of the United States, confer with that committee."

In regard to the rumor that negotiations were in progress for the importation of telegraphers from England to take the place of possible strikers here, a prominent member of the brotherhood said that that contingency had been discussed, and that representatives of the brotherhood had been in communication with the telegraphers in England for nearly a year in anticipation of just such a crisis as the present. From the attitude and tone of the executive committee the belief is general that some such action will be taken to-morrow. In the meantime the operators are at work and business is proceeding in all the offices as usual.

Special Dispatch.

CINCINNATI, July 18.—Intense excitement has prevailed all day among business men as well as the operators themselves. The telegraphers are anxiously awaiting news of the decision of the executive committee in New York, and are prepared to leave their keys at any moment. They are very reticent, but in the event of a strike, the silence which they have so vigorously observed will undoubtedly be broken, and they will then present their side of the story.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 18.—Mr. Robt. Garrett, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway company, here, and will make a declaration from the telegraphers' brotherhood. He declines to talk on the subject to-night.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18.—The *Chronicle* says: "The demands of the telegraphers are excessive and unreasonable, and calculated to alienate from them the public sympathy, which always goes out to workmen who have a real grievance and who ask a reasonable redress."

THE CIGAR MAKERS.

NEW YORK, July 18.—There are no new developments to-day in the cigar makers' strike. The members of the International union employed by S. Ottenberg & Bros. are at work, and unless they resign or are discharged to-day the members of the protective union will not return to work, and in that event Ottenberg's shop and fourteen others will be locked out to-night for an indefinite period. One result of the strike, it is said, will be that manufacturers who are not members of the manufacturers' union, and whose shops will not be closed, will increase their working force. The members of the protective union say they will remain firm to their determination, and thus through their unwillingness to work with twenty-six men who, they claim, violated a promise made to them, over 100 persons, a few of whom are women, will this afternoon be thrown out of employment, and fifteen cigar manufacturers will be closed. A lockout is confidently expected.

THE LONGSHOREMEN.

NEW YORK, July 18.—The Brooklyn longshoremen strike does not appear to be general, only a few beside those at Cashman & Co.'s stores standing out for the increase of five cents per hour. There are about 100 men employed at the stores, and most of them have struck for the advance, giving as a reason that the longshoremen at the docks are getting twenty cents an hour, especially when they do not make full time. Green hands are in the places of the strikers. The employers say they will not yield to the demands of the men.

SHERIDAN'S HOUSE.

Correspondence Between the Lieutenant General and the Chicago Donors.

CHICAGO, July 18.—The correspondence between Lieut. Gen. Sheridan and citizens of this city who presented him with a residence in Washington in anticipation of his assumption of the command of the army when Gen. Sherman's command will be published generally. The letter of presentation is signed by thirty-one prominent citizens, including Anson Sager, Marshal Field, George M. Pullman, N. K. Fairbank, C. F. Farwell, Joseph Medill, P. D. Armour, Potter Palmer, L. D. Marsh, and others. The letter is a tribute to Gen. Sheridan as a soldier and citizen, and expresses the warm friendship of the donors. Gen. Sheridan's letter of acknowledgment expresses high appreciation of this neighborly evidence of regard in his chosen home, and says that when he assumes his new duties the fact that his new home was presented to him by his Chicago friends will be a matter of special pleasure to him.

The Vote at Concord.

CONCORD, N. H., July 18.—In the senatorial ballot to-day the whole number of votes cast was 324; necessary for a choice, 163. Wm. S. Ladd, Chester B. Jordan, Chas. H. Burns, Wm. C. Todd, Benjamin F. Prescott, Frederick Smyth, and James Briggs 1 each; Henry Burnham, 2; Chas. H. Bell, Daniel Hall, and Daniel Bernard 3 each; Jacob H. Gallinger, 4; James W. Patterson, 7; Orrin C. Moore, 11; Aaron F. Stevens, 28; and he surpassing 27. Mason W. Tappan, 2; Wm. E. Chandler, 74; Harry Bingham, 118.

A conference of Tappan was held to-night, at which it was decided to use every effort to secure an increased vote to-morrow. Chandler's supporters will use every effort to secure the next full ballot, making a total of 80. It is said Tappan will receive quite an addition to-morrow, although it is not stated from which column the votes will come. Stevens has not concluded to withdraw to-night, notwithstanding reports circulated that such was his intention. Possibly a conference may be held in the morning when the subject will be discussed and a plan of action decided upon. No material change is anticipated in Marston's column.

Foreign News.

PARIS, July 18.—This morning's bulletin touching the condition of the Count de Chambord says that the patient passed a quiet night and was apparently improved.

BERLIN, July 18.—Mr. Lennig, the German-American student who recently killed a fellow student in a duel near Würzburg, has been arrested in Switzerland.

LONDON, July 18.—Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood, the commander of the forces in Egypt, who had embarked for Suez for England, has been returned by order of the Khedive in consequence of the appearance of the cholera in Cairo.

ALEXANDRIA, July 18.—The reports of the deaths from cholera yesterday are as follows: At Mansurah 15; at Matruh 45; at Menzela 42; at Samanoud 22; at Chobar 11; at Cairo 17; at Chirbin 6; and at Talka 6.

LONDON, July 18.—At a special meeting to-day of the London chamber of commerce, a resolution was adopted declaring that the Suez canal should be referred to a royal commission.

CAIRO, July 18.—The number of deaths from cholera in this city during the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning was 61.

The Igles Court Martial.

CHICAGO, July 18.—In the Igles court martial to-day the defense requested permission to summon Maj. Maginnis as a witness. Igles refused to state what he expected to prove by him. The request was granted, and the case adjourned to await the arrival of the witness.

The North American Sausagefest.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 18.—At a meeting of the general convention of the North American Sausagefest now in session here Milwaukee was selected as the next place for holding the Sausagefest.

A RACE AND A ROW.

Hanlan Leaves Ross So Far Behind That He Feels Lonesome.

Courtney Accuses the Champion of Cutting His Boat and is Called a Liar.

OGDENSBURG, July 18.—The water was rough this morning, and the outlook generally unfavorable for the great boat race. The assembled crowd looked anxiously for indications of better weather and more favorable conditions for rowing, but they did not appear. The crowds, however, did not lack for excitement. Pools were selling at \$100 to \$300 in favor of Hanlan, and the betting was fairly active. Then there were other matters of interest.

Hanlan approached Courtney at his headquarters during the morning, and a bad tempered verbal row followed, in which Hanlan is said to have displayed unusual bitterness. He offered to put up \$5,000 and row Courtney a square race on any body of water America. Courtney kept cool, and asked Hanlan how much he had to pay for cutting his boat at Chautauque, and exhibiting \$1,000, offered to bet that he would row Hanlan to faster time at Watkins than he ever made before. During the race Courtney said that if Hanlan did not cut his boat at Chautauque, his money didn't. Hanlan retorted, calling Courtney a liar and a thief.

Wallace Ross had appointed Courtney as his judge in the race to-day, and Hanlan made a statement to the effect that Courtney acted in that capacity.

NEW YORK, July 18.—The *Turf, Field and Farm* to-morrow will say: "Hanlan wrote us last week from Ogdenburg that, in a talk with Mr. Spellman about the double-sense race, he thought better to let the race go until late in the fall. On Monday we were surprised to receive the following dispatch from the Halifax Rowing association:

If there is nothing definite from Hanlan and Courtney by the 10th inst., we will assume the point. We are tired of waiting, and other business is proposed.

As Mr. Spellman is the representative of the Halifax association, it is natural to suppose that the members knew of the conversation mentioned in Hanlan's letter. When the double-sense race was proposed the Halifaxians were aware that Hanlan had arranged several races for the summer season, and the fact that he was about to decide his great race with Ross at Ogdenburg, which the above dispatch was received with, was from writing him at length upon a subject his own letter inferred he had already settled with Mr. Spellman. As soon as the Hanlan-Ross event had been decided, the Halifaxians were informed in reference to the double-sense event, and in lieu of his not concluding a match will return the Halifax Rowing association its deposit.

The race was started by Referee John E. Kane, of Boston, at 6:30. The boats were 12 miles, 10m, 8m, 6m, 4m, 2m, 1m, 1/2m, 1/4m, 1/8m, 1/16m, 1/32m, 1/64m, 1/128m, 1/256m, 1/512m, 1/1024m, 1/2048m, 1/4096m, 1/8192m, 1/16384m, 1/32768m, 1/65536m, 1/131072m, 1/262144m, 1/524288m, 1/1048576m, 1/2097152m, 1/4194304m, 1/8388608m, 1/16777216m, 1/33554432m, 1/67108864m, 1/134217728m, 1/268435456m, 1/536870912m, 1/1073741824m, 1/2147483648m, 1/4294967296m, 1/8589934592m, 1/17179869184m, 1/34359738368m, 1/68719476736m, 1/137438953472m, 1/274877906944m, 1/549755813888m, 1/1099511627776m, 1/2199023255552m, 1/4398046511104m, 1/8796093022208m, 1/17592186044416m, 1/35184372088832m, 1/70368744177664m, 1/140737488355328m, 1/281474976710656m, 1/562949953421312m, 1/1125899906842624m, 1/2251799813685248m, 1/4503599627370496m, 1/9007199254740992m, 1/18014398509481984m, 1/36028797018963968m, 1/72057594037927936m, 1/144115188075855872m, 1/288230376151711744m, 1/576460752303423488m, 1/1152921504606846976m, 1/2305843009213693952m, 1/4611686018427387904m, 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